

REMARKS

Remarks related to phone conversations with Examiner

Applicants' representative P. S. Dara had phone conversations with Examiner Sanh D. Phu on 28 February 2007 and 13 March 2007 to discuss carrying out an Examiner's amendment. Though amenable to the substance of the amendment, Examiner Phu expressed his inability to carry it out in the form of an Examiner's amendment because the amendment was originated from Applicant's representative rather than from Examiner himself. Consequently, Examiner Phu suggested that an amendment request pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.312 would be the desirable method. Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesy he has extended and hereby submit the current amendment for entry prior to issuance of the patent.

Applicants further draw attention to the fact that formal drawings have been submitted by Applicants on 13 February 2007 after the Notice of Allowance was mailed. Applicants respectfully request entry of these formal drawings prior to issuance of the patent.

Present Status of Patent Application

Upon entry of the amendments in this document, claims 1, 4-9 and 12-18 remain allowed in the present application. These claims have been allowed in the Notice of Allowance mailed 1/16/2007. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a further telephonic conference would expedite matters, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned representative at (404) 610-5689.

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